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Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	10/680,041		COCKERILLE ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) PONNOREAY PICH. (3) _____.

(2) Dean Wolf. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 08 May 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 27 and 41.

Identification of prior art discussed: Rowe.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Ponnoreay Pich/
 Examiner, Art Unit 2135

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an
 Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiner's Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: During a telephonic interview between the undersigned attorney and the examiner on 5/8/08, the various rejections of the claims were discussed with respect to the examiner's rejections as stated in the office action mailed 2/13/2008. At the conclusion of the telephonic interview, it was agreed that the combination of features recited in the proposed amended claim language below would overcome all of the current rejections relating to the 2/13/2008 office action.

A1. A method of verifying the authenticity of a process stored in RAM of a gaming machine having a master gaming processor for executing said process, the method comprising:
identifying one or more processes scheduled for execution on the gaming machine RAM;
selecting a first process of the one or more processes for verification;
determining a first identifier associated with the selected first process;
identifying a first portion code of the first process that does not change during execution of the first process, the first portion of code comprising a first portion of bits;
identifying, using the first identifier, one or more gaming software programs stored at one or more one file storage devices, wherein each of the one or more gaming software programs has associated therewith a respective identifier which matches the first identifier;
performing verification analysis of the first process to determine whether any of the identified one or more gaming software programs includes code which matches the first portion of code of the selected first process;
wherein the verification analysis includes identifying one or more portions of code associated with at least one of the identified one or more gaming software programs, wherein none of the identified one or more portions of code changes during execution of the at least one of the identified one or more gaming software programs, each of the identified one or more portions of code having associated therewith a respective portion of bits;
wherein the verification analysis further includes comparing bits of the first portion of code and bits of the identified one or more portions of code to determine whether any portion of bits of the identified one or more portions of code matches the first portion of bits of the first portion of code; and
generating an error event if it is determined that none of the compared portion of bits of the identified one or more portions of code matches the first portion of bits of the first portion of code.

A2. A method of verifying the authenticity of gaming software stored in RAM of a gaming device, said gaming device having a gaming controller for executing gaming software programs at the gaming device, the method comprising:
identifying a first gaming software program currently stored in the gaming device RAM, wherein the first gaming software includes a first portion of executable code stored in the gaming device RAM;
determining a first identifier associated with the selected first portion of executable code;
identifying, using the first identifier, a second gaming software program stored on a file storage device, wherein the second gaming software program has associated therewith an identifier which matches the first identifier, and wherein the second gaming software program includes a second portion of executable code;
verifying an authenticity of the first gaming software program, wherein verification of the authenticity of the first gaming software program includes comparing bits of the first portion of executable code to bits of the second portion of executable code, and determining whether any portion of the second portion of executable code matches the first portion of executable code; and
generating an error event if it is determined that no compared portion of the second portion of executable code matches the first portion of executable code.